

**MINUTES OF THE  
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING  
May 15, 2012**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission meeting was called to order on May 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Spokely in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Snyder, Worthington, Vitas, Briggs, Green, Kidd, & Spokely

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Young

**STAFF PRESENT:** Will Wong, Community Development Director  
Lance E. Lowe, AICP, Associate Planner

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 15, 2011  
November 1, 2011 – Approved as presented  
February 7, 2012

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman Holmes stated that he attended the HDRC meeting for two reasons: First, Cindy Combs, who is our new member of the HDRC, was approved last night by the City Council.

Secondly, he wanted to comment on the 2004 historical preservation ordinance. As you may know, the Community Development Department is responsible as the staff for this commission and in my opinion the staff has failed to do their due diligence in bringing things to you over the last 7 years.

If you notice your agenda tonight you have approval of minutes from over a year ago, 2/15/11 and at least 6 months ago, 11/1/11 which is inexcusable in my opinion that it takes that long to get it before this commission.

I reviewed the HDRC agendas from 2009 to 2011 and 18 of the 20 HDRC meetings that I reviewed had to do with paint schemes, which could have been decided by staff rather than bringing it to this particular body.

I want to encourage you to read the ordinance that has to do with historical preservation for the city of Auburn; there is a number of things that have not been done since 2004 when that ordinance was adopted by city council.

One of them has to do with the list or the listing of historic buildings in Auburn. The staff has told me the only operational things they have, not an ordinance, but a Resolution that was passed in 1982, that deals with how to put a historical building on the Auburn list of historical buildings.

Now, very clearly, if you read the ordinance, there is a provision there that one of the duties of this commission is to provide guidance to the City Council as to how to move that along.

I was told, early on, both at public meetings, with City Council, and with private meetings with CDD staff, that there is no list of buildings on the Auburn register of historic places, and then suddenly, on the first of May, the city staff came up with a list! Well, that was news to me, and news to the city historian who never heard anything about this, so, my concern is that the CDD is doing you a disservice by not implementing what the city council approved in 2004, so I have proposed a number of changes which have been given to the CDD and to the City Manager on how to resolve this particular situation.

## **V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**A. HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW – 585 HIGH STREET (CA AUTO SALES) – FILE HDR 12-05.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review Commission approval for the re-painting of a 5 foot fascia band; installation of cultured stone over the existing brick wainscoting; and, installation of red brick to cover the cement retaining wall for California Auto Sales located at 585 High Street.

Planner Lowe noted that the building has no historical eligibility and described the proposed color and material changes at 585 High Street.

Commissioner Worthington asked about the number of vehicles for sale on the property. Is that an allowed land use and is there a restriction on the number of vehicles?

Planner Lowe indicated that there is no City requirement on the maximum number of vehicles on the site.

Commissioner Snyder asked about the monument sign on the upper story and the cultured stone proposed for the building. Is the stone going to match the sign pilasters?

Planner Lowe replied that the cultured stone will match the sign pilasters.

Commissioner Green noted that he was displeased with the attachments and could not tell exactly what was being proposed by the applicant.

Planner Lowe displayed the color materials board and the paint color and material changes proposed by the applicant.

Chairman Spokely recalled that discussion took place during the Use Permit hearing about the railing along the upper story of the car lot. Has there been any discussion regarding upgrading the railing?

Planner Lowe noted that a condition of approval was imposed on the Use Permit to have the building department look into the railing. However, given the level of improvements proposed, there is no requirement of the building code to mandate upgrade of the railing.

Chairman Spokely opened the public hearing.

The applicant Mr. Kiani addressed the commission. Mr. Kiani noted that he wanted to improve the property and described the proposed changes.

Chairman Spokely asked Mr. Kiani if he was opposed to the alternate color changes?

Mr. Kiani noted that the alternate colors were acceptable.

Commissioner Green requested that the applicant clarify the extent of the materials on the retaining wall.

Mr. Kiani noted that that he desired to install the red brick on the red retaining wall and wanted to add the cultured stone to the top.

Commissioner Green noted that changing the materials on the same wall would not look good and would be opposed to such a change.

Mr. Kiani replied that he would be agreeable to installing the red brick for the entire height of the wall.

Commissioner Green noted that the red brick would look good on the wall.

Commissioner Snyder asked staff to note the changes on the color materials board to make sure that the Historic Design Review Commission is on the same page.

Planner Lowe edited the color materials board denoting the material and color changes.

Chairman Spokely closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Snyder **MOVED** to Approve Resolution 12-01 as specified.

Commissioner Kidd **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES: Snyder, Worthington, Vitas, Briggs, Green, Kidd, Spokely  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Young

The motion was **APPROVED**.

## **VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

### **A. City Council Meetings**

Director Wong noted that on June 11, 2012, the City Council will consider Certified Local Government (CLG) for Auburn.

Director Wong noted that he would send the Historic Design Review Commission the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Councilman Holmes correspondence regarding a request to become a CLG.

### **B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings**

None

### **C. Reports**

None

## **VII. HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS**

None

## **VIII. FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance E. Lowe